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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. TOXIC SUB-
STANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA)

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1. WE ARE REPEATING SEPARATELY CABLE (REFTEL A) FROM U.S.
MISSION OECD REPORTING RESULTS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S CHEMICALS GROUP. PRINCIPAL
AGENDA ITEM WAS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES RELATING TO U.S.
IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TOXIC SUBSTANCES LEGISLATION
(REFTEL B).

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2. THERE IS A LONG USEFUL BACKGROUND OF ACTIVITY IN
OECD CHEMICALS GROUP, AND MANY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
(INCLUDING U.S.) WISH AT PRESENT TO CONTINUE FOCUS ON
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL/CHEMICAL ISSUES IN THAT FORUM.
WE THUS THINK IT APPROPRIATE THAT THE GROUP SERVE NOW AS
FOCAL POINT FOR CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

RELATED TO TSCA. AT SAME TIME, WE ENVISAGE A TIME WHEN
AT LEAST SOME OF THE ISSUES BECOME RIPE FOR BROADER
ATTENTION IN A FORUM SUCH AS THE ECE, AND WE WOULD EXPECT
THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO INTEGRATE THEIR WORK SO AS TO
OPTIMIZE USE OF RESOURCES AND THE UNIQUE ADVANTAGES THAT

EACH CAN OFFER. ADDITIONALLY, WE EXPECT THAT IT WILL
PROVE DESIRABLE EVENTUALLY TO SEEK DEVELOPMENT OF SOME
SORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION GOVERNING THE USE,
TRADE, ETC. OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES. GROUNDWORK LAID IN THE
OECD AND, PRESUMABLY EVENTUALLY, ECE WILL BE VALUABLE
PREPARATION FOR SUCH A POSSIBILITY.

3. WE CONTINUE, OF COURSE, TO SUPPORT COMPLEMENTARY
EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL
TOXIC SUBSTANCES PROBLEMS THROUGH UNEP INTERNATIONAL
REGISTRY OF POTENTIALLY TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND WHO, WHOSE
THIRTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RECENTLY ADOPTED RESOLU-
TION ON EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTS OF CHEMICALS ON
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